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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

Water Pollution Control  
Permit Number Nev89016  
For The Sterling Mine Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV89016 to Sterling Gold Mining Corporation. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities at the Sterling Mine Project in Nye County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective February 27, 2003. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, February 24, 2003 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Permit condition Part I.B.2 was amended to either re-establish the fluid management system pursuant to regulation or close the facilities.

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